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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Meeting

**AGENCY:** Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Scientific Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:

**DATES:** February 12-13, 1998 (800am to 500pm).

**ADDRESS:** The Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. 20340-5100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maj. Michael W. Lamb, USAF, Director/Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328 (202) 231-4930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Research

#### Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 98-07: National Spherical Torus Experiment (NSTX) Research Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fusion Energy Sciences (OFES) of the Office of Energy Research, (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its interest in receiving grant applications for imaginative research initiatives to be conducted on the NSTX device in furtherance of its research mission. Successful applications will be funded throughout FY 1999, depending in part on the detailed schedule of the research topics that are undertaken.

The Office of Fusion Energy Sciences is interested in applications for research that have the possibility of contributing to the achievement of the NSTX research program goals. The research should be aimed at elucidating the physics principles involved through experimental and theoretical means. Research projects are sought which are original, and which provide scientific insights into the novel operating regimes that will be the thrust of the NSTX program. The program of collaboration must be developed through cooperation and discussions with the NSTX research team at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL).

**DATES:** To permit timely consideration for awards in Fiscal Year 1999, formal applications submitted in response to this notice must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., April 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed formal applications referencing Program Notice 98-07 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 98-07. The above address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express, any commercial mail delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant. No electronic submissions of formal applications will be accepted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. William F. Dove, Science Division, ER-55, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD

20874-1290, Telephone: (301) 903-4911, or by Internet address, william.dove@mailgw.er.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is expected that the NSTX research program will be inaugurated during FY 1999. The initiation and scheduling of detailed research activities will depend on operational factors. Not all of the research tasks will be undertaken simultaneously. In selecting applications for funding, the DOE Office of Fusion Energy Sciences will give priority to applications that can produce experimental results that are needed by the NSTX program within the first two years of experimental operations. However, the OFES intends to build a research team to meet the longer duration program goals. Theoretical research will be accepted for consideration under this Notice as a collaboration with, and in support of, experimental programs.

The detailed description of the proposed research collaboration should contain the following items: (1) Synopsis of the proposed research program plan; (2) A detailed experimental research plan describing the elements of the collaboration with PPPL including the PPPL collaborators and any local support needed from PPPL, and arrangements for access to the device; (3) Goal of the research and how it supports the NSTX program; (4) The specific results or deliverables expected at the end of the project period as a consequence of the collaboration; (5) Discussion of why this research would have an important impact on the NSTX research program; and (6) Discussion of how the research would elucidate the physics principles of the Spherical Torus approach to fusion confinement.

#### Collaboration and Training

Applicants are strongly encouraged to collaborate with researchers in other institutions, such as universities, industry, non-profit organizations, federal laboratories and Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), including PPPL and the other DOE National Laboratories, where appropriate, and to incorporate cost sharing and/or consortia wherever feasible. Applicants are also encouraged to provide training opportunities, including student involvement, in applications submitted to the program.

Collaborative research applications may be submitted in several ways:

(1) When multiple private sector or academic organizations intend to propose collaborative or joint research projects, the lead organization may submit a single application which